



**MINUTES OF THE GILA COUNTY  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE ROOM  
610 E. State Hwy 260, Payson, AZ  
10:00 A.M.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by Chairman Mickie Nye.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Otts.
3. Roll Call: Therese Berumen called the roll; Chairman Mickie Nye (in Globe), Mary Lou Myers (in Payson), Travis Holder (in Globe), Terry Otts (in Globe), and Bill Marshall (in Globe), Lori Brown (in Payson). Randy Slapnicka is absent. A quorum is present.

Community Development Staff Members Present: Scott Buzan-Director, Robert Gould-Planner and Therese Berumen-Administrative Assistant.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing on January 18, 2018. Mickie Nye asked if there were any changes needed. Mary Lou Myers motioned that the minutes be approved as recorded and Travis Holder seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
5. **Director/Planner Communication:** At any time during this meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Director and/or Planner of Community Development may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken.

Neither Scott Buzan nor Robert Gould had anything they wanted to discuss.

**Public Hearing:**

6. **CUP-18-01 Taylor Candland/SBA:** An application to allow the increase of a cellular tower height from 150 feet to 162 feet, for parcel 304-37-009B, located in the area of Jake's Corner, at 46497 N. AZ Hwy 188, Payson, AZ, currently zoned GU (General Unclassified). If approved, this request will become effective 30 days after the approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing.

Robert Gould stated that this application had been brought before the Commission previously, at the April 2017 meeting. The application was incomplete because it did not have the property owner's consent, so it was withdrawn. It is being brought before you again now because the application is now complete with the property owner's consent.

This application is to allow a 12-foot extension to an already existing cell tower, which would bring the height of the tower from 150 feet to 162 feet; allowing them to add a dish and new antennas. It is located in the area of Jake's Corner. The existing tower's Conditional Use Permit (CUP-1-01) was approved in 2001 with some conditions. Staff recommendation is to approve CUP-18-01 as submitted with same conditions that applied to CUP-1-01. Travis Holder wanted to clarify that it was a 12-foot extension the applicant was requesting and not 10 feet. Robert Gould stated that yes, it was indeed 12 feet. Lori Brown, who owns the property located at 46497 N. AZ Hwy 188 in Payson, AZ, which is where the cell tower is located, stated that when they applied last year for the Conditional Use Permit, they didn't have her permission. I also feel like I am paying taxes on their improvements. I got a back and forth answer from the county stating that yes, I was paying and then no I wasn't paying. It is fine if they add the extension and I just want to make it clear that I am not receiving any money from this and also, that I sit on the Planning and Zoning Commission, so I won't be voting on this application. Robert Gould wanted to add that in his staff report he talks about the fall zone of the tower. We have spoken to several engineers concerning this and they all stated that a tower normally falls in on itself and not out and over. That is why we have never concerned ourselves with it.

The meeting was opened to public comment. Taylor Candland of SBA Communications stated that he appreciated the Commission's time and if anybody had any questions, he would be happy to answer them. No other public comments. The public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

Bill Marshall motioned that they move to approve item number 6, CUP-18-01 Taylor Candland/SBA. The motion was seconded by Terry Otts. Lori Brown abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Adjournment.** Lori Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry Otts seconded the motion. The Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 10:11 A.M.